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West Nile Virus Update #7 **August 24, 2004**

Note to news editors and reporters: This is a weekly update of West Nile virus activity in North Dakota. Updates will be sent every Tuesday afternoon throughout the WNV season.

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health today reported four additional human cases of West Nile virus. This brings the statewide total to nine humans and 61 birds identified with West Nile virus infection.

None of the newly identified human cases were hospitalized. One of the cases resides in Benson County, one in Divide County, one in Mercer County and one in Wells County.

The following is a breakdown of the human cases statewide:

- Total human cases – 9
 - Total tests conducted – 832
 - Counties: Burleigh (3), Mercer (2), Stark (1), Benson (1), Divide (1), Wells (1)
- Gender
 - Female – 4
 - Male – 5
- Age ranges
 - Ages 10 to 19 – 1
 - Ages 20 to 29 – 1
 - Ages 30 to 39 – 3
 - Ages 40 to 49 – 2
 - Ages 50 to 59 – 1
 - Ages 60 to 69 – 1
- Hospitalized – 1

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The following is a summary of West Nile virus activity affecting birds, horses and mosquitoes:

- WNV-positive dead birds – 43
 - Total dead birds tested – 386
 - Counties: Bottineau, Bowman, Burleigh, Cass, Cavalier, Eddy, Grand Forks, Grant, McHenry, McLean, Morton, Mountrail, Nelson, Pierce, Ransom, Renville, Richland, Ward, Wells, and Williams
- WNV-positive live birds – 18
 - Total live birds tested – 430
 - Counties: Billings, Divide, Golden Valley, Grant, Griggs, and Hettinger
- WNV-positive horses – 0
 - Total horses tested – 60

For more information, including a fact sheet about personal protection recommendations, visit the North Dakota West Nile virus website at www.ndwnv.com.

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